Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder

PUKEHOU SCHOOL

Week 3 Term 4 2026

27 - 30 October

Principal Korero

WILLIAM PIKE Challenge

Last week, our Year 7-8 students travelled to Guthrie Smith Outdoor Centre at Lake Tūtira as part of the William Pike Challenge, joining students from Elsthorpe, Omakere, and Noresewood Schools. And what a week we had!! For October, we were blessed with blue skies and warm weather, which certainly helped!

Students were challenged in different ways, completing high ropes, orienteering, tramping to Bell Rock, exploring the Aropaoanui River, and Canadian canoeing on Lake Tūtira…an action-packed three days! We camped in a beautiful spot down by the river in tents, a short hike of a little over 2km inland from Guthrie Smith. The water slide there was extreme!

It was a privilege to share the experience with our students, and I was hugely impressed with their efforts on camp, embracing all the challenges that came their way. It was wonderful to see the children from the four different schools come together, reaffirming existing friendships and making new ones, too. A big thanks to Laura and Pixie, who joined us for the adventure. I'm sure they had just as much fun as the children!!

Children in CHB are fortunate to have this opportunity and to have the support of the CHB William Pike Challenge Trust. I can't thank Marian Campbell enough for all she has done. Her passion and enthusiasm are unparalleled, as she quietly and humbly goes about the business of enabling, equipping, and empowering tamariki throughout the district. *Kei runga noa atu koe!*









Your Voice Matters

A huge thank you to our parents and families who responded to the survey. Your voice is hugely appreciated. Once the Board have had the opportunity to collate and analyse the responses, we will incorporate these into the design of our Strategic Plan 2027 - 2028.

We will aim to gather some student voice this term, too. But in the meantime, I'm happy to announce that the winner of the $100 Waipawa Butchery Voucher is 🥁🥁🥁[drum roll]...

Sarah Patterson 🙂

T4 EOTC

Education Outside the Classroom is an important part of our curriculum. In Week 6, Kāhu students will be camping at Wakarara, engaging in a number of exciting outdoor and team-building type activities. At the same time, our Kea tamariki will hold school based EOTC activities, travelling to the National Aquarium, Fish and Game, and Te Mata Peak followed by a day of problem solving challenges in a 'survivor' format. I can't wait to see how our tamariki rise to the occasion and shine!!

Values Focus

Whanaungatanga

is about relationship, aroha, and a sense of connection. It is created through shared experiences and working together to create a sense of belonging. At Pukehou School we...

Ensure everyone is (and feels) INCLUDED

Recognise and celebrate DIFFERENCES

Show KINDNESS

CONSIDER others

COOPERATE and COLLABORATE

Embrace TUAKANA-TEINA

Play NICELY (fairly)

Actively LISTEN and T.H.I.N.K before we speak



At our start of the week Values Assembly we discussed **Whanaungatanga - Relationships** focusing on **Kindness** and **Consideration** and specifically the importance of **practising gratitude**, of noticing and appreciating the good things in life, the people, places, and moments that make you smile.



He hauora te tāonga

"Health is wealth."

Health & Wellbeing Celebration

The revised Health and PE Curriculum is in draft format and not due to be delivered in schools until 2028. In the past we have delivered *Navigating the Journey: Relationship and Sexuality Education*. This has now been included in the revised draft Health Curriculum, which the team have not had an opportunity to get familiar with as yet. Because of this, the teaching team is currently planning a 'Health and Wellbeing' day to be held in school for our tamariki this term. This will include some classroom workshops on our bodies and keeping ourselves safe. It will be a condensed, age-appropriate session and the content will be shared with parents and families once finalised for consideration. As part of the day, we will build in other workshops and activities that support hauora and healthy lifestyle choices, including a shared 'healthy' lunch! We're pretty excited about the potential for the day!!

Bike Track & Progress

Our tamariki have been slowly chipping away at spreading the limestone along the path, many hands make light work. It's awesome to see them involved in this project. However, it is a juggling act with everything else that goes on in Term 4, so it may be that we need some help to get the limestone down and compacted so we can use the path… potentially, a working bee could be on the cards if we can find a time that suits everyone. We have received more support from an anonymous donor to purchase some bicycle helmets which is awesome news!! Maja and Cleodie will research some options and purchase the helmets. Thank you to our donor.



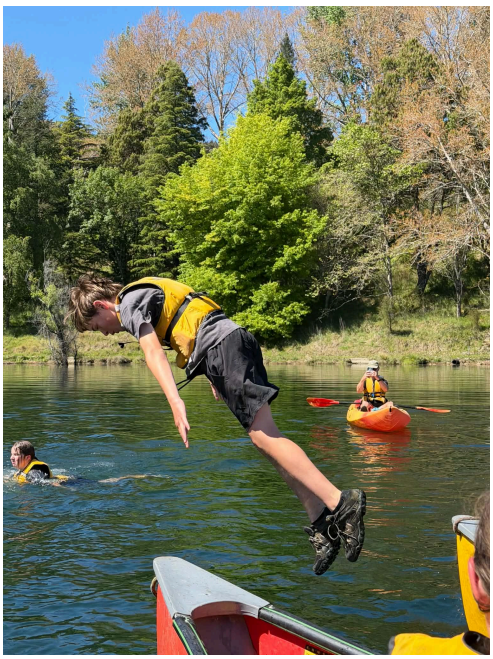




Likewise, our **Trampoline** is sitting ready to be constructed waiting for me to find some time to put it together. If any of our families have some expertise in this area - putting together spring-free trampolines - please let me know, and we can arrange a time to construct it!













IMPORTANT DATES:

NOVEMBER

Thurs 5th	Yr 7 & 8 Technology
Sat 7th	**NZ General Election**
Thurs 12th	School Athletics @ Te Aute College
Sun 15th	**PWF Garden Tour**
Wed 6th - Fri 8th	Kāhu Camp & Kea EOTC
Thurs 26th	**CHB Interschool Athletics**



Sanitarium Weet-Bix KIDS TRYathlon

Event by Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon New Zealand on **Wednesday 17th March 2027**

Mitre 10 Sports Park, Hawke's Bay

Join us at the Hastings Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon! 🏅

Open to Kiwi kids aged 6-15 years, the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is a fun and rewarding day out for everyone. Kids of all sporting abilities swim, cycle, and run their way around age-appropriate courses, either as an individual or as a team of two.

There are limited spaces at events and many of them sell out early so get in quick! Entries are OPEN at https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/hastings/

Every participant who enters receives:

- A Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Champions medal 🏅
- A downloadable certificate of achievement ⭐
- An official Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon t-shirt, swim cap & Rebel Sport drawstring kit bag 🎽
- Complimentary breakfast from the Weet-Bix Breakfast Tent 😊

PLUS the chance to WIN awesome spot prizes and meet their sporting heroes.

A huge ***"Thank you"*** to CENTRALINES LIMITED for getting together with the CHB Cancer Society and providing them with a grant to cover Sunscreen for all SunSmart CHB Schools.

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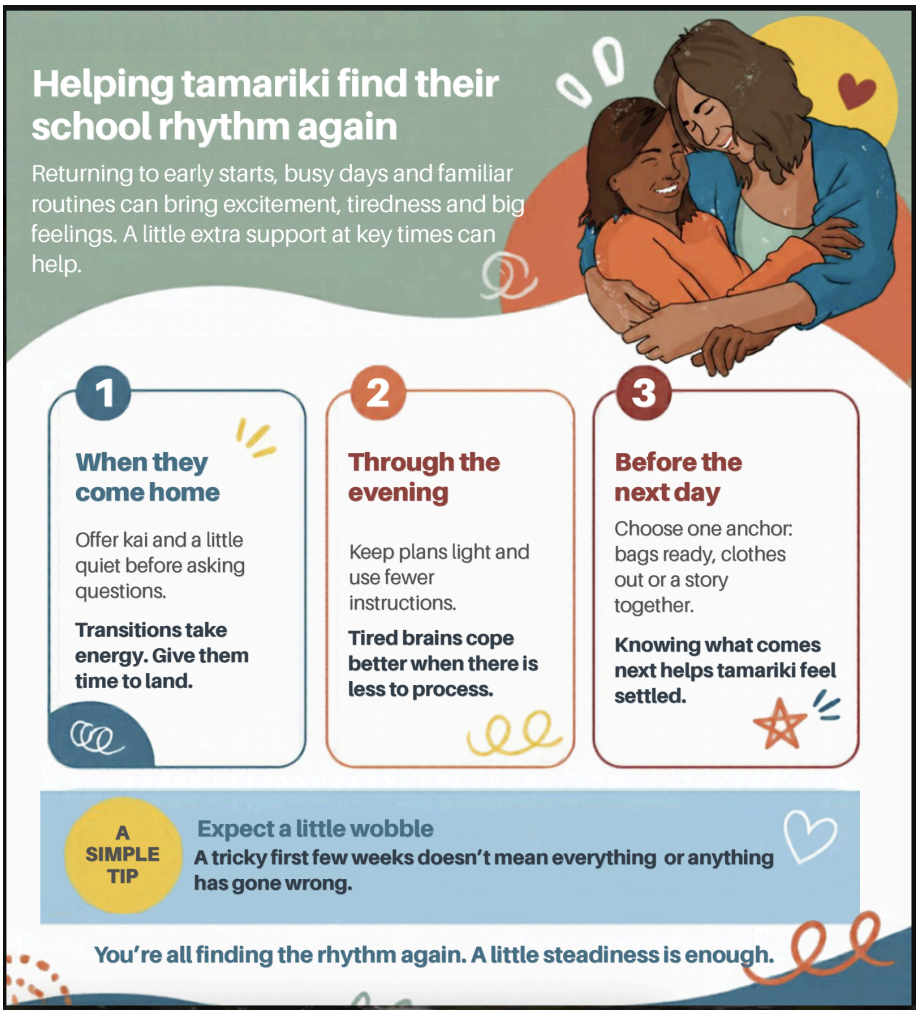




I Don't Know Much About Art But I Know What I Lick is a guided, inclusive and interactive exhibition for young tamariki and their adults, with multiple sessions available throughout the day. It's a great chance for tamariki to **get creative, explore art in a fun and playful way, and experience something a little bit different as part of the Hawke's Bay Arts Festival.**

You can find more information here:

CHB Municipal Theatre – Upcoming Events



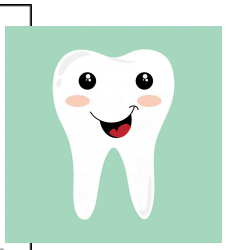


Health Reminder:

To Help Prevent the Spread of Vomiting &/or Diarrhea,
it is important that you keep your children (and yourself!) away from school / daycare / work / swimming pools and other public areas for a minimum of 48 hours after the last episode.

Thank you

Waipukurau School Dental Clinic Update



We are currently open on Mondays and Tuesdays (working on catching up) but will take urgent cases if phoned through:
06 858 6725.

If there is no answer the alternative number
027 273 6731 is still available.



The 2 remaining dates for EzLunch this term are:
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Pita Pit
Wednesday 25th November

Domino's
Thursday 10th December